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Fact Sheet

HUD ANNOUNCES NEW SYSTEM FOR CONSUMERS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE TRAINED LEAD SERVICE PROVIDERS

**1-888-LEAD-LIST
(1-888-532-3547)
<http://www.leadlisting.org>**

THE LEAD LISTING

The National Lead Service Providers' Listing System, the "Lead Listing," has been developed to provide parents, property owners, real estate professionals, and other consumers with an effective means of identifying and locating trained lead service providers quickly and easily. The Lead Listing is a service that provides names, phone numbers, and other relevant information of organizations and/or individuals who provide lead services such as lead-based paint inspections, risk assessments, hazard control (abatement contracting), or other related services. The Lead Listing is not an endorsement of any lead service provider. It is simply a centralized listing of service providers who have received training based on EPA curricula or from a State-accredited training provider. Consumers are encouraged to check credentials and references of service providers prior to acceptance of an agreement.

WHY WAS THE LEAD LISTING DEVELOPED?

The Lead Listing was developed to help fill two critical needs:

- 1) compliance issues pertaining to the requirements of Section 1018 of Title X on disclosure of lead hazards at property transfer, and
- 2) helping to prevent lead poisoning in children.

WHO OPERATES THE LEAD LISTING SYSTEM?

The Lead Listing is operated by the National Lead Abatement Council under the sponsorship of HUD.

HOW CAN THE PUBLIC ACCESS THE LEAD LISTING?

The Lead Listing is accessible via the Internet World Wide Web at **<http://www.leadlisting.org>** and by dialing toll-free **1-888-LEAD-LIST (1-888-532-3547)** [fax-back and mail-back options are included]. Complete implementation of telephone access is anticipated by January 1, 1997.

WHAT OTHER LEAD-RELATED RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

The Lead Listing web site provides additional consumer resources including:

- Consumers can locate trained lead service providers for each State via an on-line interactive mode or can choose to download a printable file of service providers for a State or for all States
- A *Question and Answer* guide is provided to address the most commonly asked questions regarding use of the Lead Listing
- A *Reference Guide* is provided which contains definitions of lead-related terms, a comparison of a lead inspection and a lead risk assessment, a guide to questions to ask when purchasing services from a lead service provider and a guide on State lead programs
- *Support Documents* are provided including applicable Federal lead regulations and the EPA/CPSC lead notification pamphlet
- Links to Federal Agency web sites involved in lead hazard control

HOW CAN SERVICE PROVIDERS BE ADDED TO THE LEAD LISTING?

The Lead Listing has been structured in a manner that is fair and equal to service providers and that will maximize the quality and utility of information provided. To be included on the Lead Listing, service providers must submit information to demonstrate that training has been completed and certify that the information is not deficient or has not been falsified. In addition, for those States with operational lead certification and accreditation programs, service providers must hold a current license for conducting the offered lead service within those States. For more information and to obtain an information packet, please call 703-312-7837. All information should be forwarded to the address listed in the information packet, or faxed to 703-243-4094.

IS THERE A COST TO BE INCLUDED ON THE LEAD LISTING?

No, there is no cost to lead service providers to be included on the Lead Listing at this time.

This Fact Sheet is also available via the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control web site at <http://www.hud.gov/lea/leahome.html>